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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: MAY -3 2005

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Exploratory Committee Amendment Act of 2005"

REFERENCE: Bill 16-118 as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2005 budget or the Mayor's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Implementing the provisions of the proposed legislation will require \$145,000 in FY 2005 and \$735,000 in FY 2005 through FY 2009.

Background

The proposed legislation amends the District's local campaign finance law in a manner that defines all exploratory committees, for any political entity, as a political committee. The proposed amendments will require all exploratory committees to abide by current and amended law such as contribution limitations, public disclosures, and periodic reporting. An exploratory committee will have the same transparency as that of a political committee.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2005 budget or the Mayor's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Implementing the provisions of the proposed legislation will require \$145,000 in FY 2005. The Office of Campaign Finance will require additional staff and resources. The table in Figure 1 presents the estimated expenditure impact to the District's budget and financial plan.

Figure 1.

Expenditure Impact to the Financial Plan (\$ in 000s)					
FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	5 - Year Total
\$145	\$140	\$145	\$150	\$155	\$735